

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

DATE: 17 July 2007

PLACE: 1 Capitol Hill, 2nd Floor
Providence, RI 02908

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs.: Carter and Pilz
Ms. Bradford and Ms. Votta

MEMBERS ABSENT: Catherine A. Sparks

OTHERS PRESENT: Irene Mowry, Administrative Assistant
Attorney Thomas Palombo

OTHERS ABSENT: Peter N. Dennehy, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel

CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

PREPARED BY: Irene Mowry

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board

Board members reviewed the regular and executive minutes of the 20 June 2007 meeting. Motion was made by Ms. Bradford and seconded by Mr. Pilz to approve the minutes. All members present approved motion.

Executive Session

The Board did not move to go into Executive Session.

Old Business

Rules and Regulations - This item is tabled for discussion at a later date.

Renewals - Board members reviewed the landscape architect renewal applications for the following individuals: Natalie Adams, Alan Pilch, Martha Schwartz, Lee Senape and Michael J. Snow. Motion was made by Mr. Pilz and seconded by Ms. Votta to approve the request for exemption to the COA requirement for all of the above. Motion was approved by all members present.

Board members received a request from landscape architect Elena Pascarella to waive the late fee for renewal of her landscape architect license. She stated that she has had many problems with the postal service in her hometown. It is a decision of the Board that although we sympathize with the postal problems, we cannot supersede Rhode

Island Law, and payment of the late fee is required for renewal of her license.

Reorganization meeting: Chairman Carter discussed the four board joint reorganization meeting which was held on July 9, 2007. Chair Carter stated that an issue of concern to all of the boards was that they did not want to lose their individual statutory authority. He also stated that because board members are volunteers, the validity of combining the four (4) boards for the purpose of fiscal savings is questionable. He also stated that after discussion, it was agreed upon that the combined boards would send a letter to A. Michael Marques, Director of the Department of Business Regulation (DBR), to request a meeting to discuss their concerns regarding the reorganization

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Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects

Board Meeting of 20 June 2007

In the interim, the four boards planned to meet again to revisit this issue. This next meeting of the four (4) boards is scheduled on Thursday, August 2, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Administration, 1 Capitol Hill, Executive Dining Room, Ground floor, Providence, RI 02908.

New Business

Election of Officers: Motion was made by Ms. Bradford and seconded by Ms. Votta to retain the current slate of officers for the 2007-2008 period. The current slate of officers is as follows: John Carter, Chairman, Sara Bradford, Vice-Chair, Steven Pilz, Secretary/Treasurer.

RI State Exam: Ms. Bradford stated that there were six (6) candidates that sat for the June administration of the RI State Exam. Of these candidates, five (5) passed and one (1) failed. Motion was made by Chairman Carter and seconded by Ms. Votta to accept the grades as reported by Ms. Bradford.

Motion was approved by all members present. Results for the RI State Exam section will be mailed out with the results received from CLARB on Sections C and E of the LARE.

Applications

Board members reviewed the reciprocity application for Mark Alan Klopfer. Motion was made by Mr. Pilz, seconded by Ms. Bradford and approved by all members present to approve this applicant for registration.

COA's

Board members reviewed the corporate COA applications for Kent & Frost, LLC, Horsley Witten Group, Inc. and Shadley Associates, P.C. Motion to approve the COA's was made by Ms. Bradford and seconded by Mr. Pilz. Motion was approved by all members present.

Motion was made by Mr. Pilz, seconded by Ms. Votta and approved by all members present to approve the name change for Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to Stantec Planning and Landscape Architecture, P.C., upon submittal of a Certificate of Good Standing verifying that name change.

Ms. Mowry informed the Board that we did not receive an amended COA application for Beckman/Weremay, Ltd. Michael Weremay is the only landscape architect listed in responsible charge on the current COA. Mr. Weremay informed the Board that he does not wish to renew his license as a landscape architect in the State of Rhode Island for the July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009 renewal period. Because there is no other landscape architect listed as a responsible charge, it was a decision of the Board to send a letter to Beckman/Weremay, Ltd. informing them that the corporate COA is "Inactive".

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Carter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion was

seconded by Mr. Pilz and approved by all members present. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled Wednesday, September 19, 2007.